

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE 2008



Listed below are examples of items accepted (or not accepted) in the City’s recycling program. Read the labels on containers to determine where acceptable items are placed. For example, residents living in homes use a “split” cart; residents in apartments share a group of three carts for newspaper, mixed paper and bottles and cans; and businesses use dumpsters for mixed recycling and/or corrugated cardboard.

ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING
PAPER (CLEAN)
<i>All paper should be clean--without food residue.</i> Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no wrappers) Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove any liner) Computer paper and plain fax paper Construction/art paper (less than 50% painted) Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened) Egg cartons (paper type only) Fax (plain paper) and store/credit card receipts Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards Junk mail and envelopes (windows okay) Manila file folders (metal fastener ok) NCR (carbonless paper), store receipts) Newspaper and inserts (no plastic bags) Paper (any color--staples and paper clips okay) Paperback books, paper tablets/back “Post-it” adhesive notes, paper bags Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened) Shredded paper (no plastic bags)
PLASTIC BOTTLES & TUBS #1 - #7 (EMPTY)
<i>Item must be marked #1 through #7</i> Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells--top hinged to bottom) Catsup & syrup bottles Cottage cheese tubs Detergent bottles Margarine tubs Milk jugs (no lids/caps) Peanut butter jars Prescription bottles Shampoo bottles Yogurt tubs and baby-wipe tubs Water, soda and juice bottles (less than 2 gal. size)
<div><div></div><div>(Note: recycling symbols on products are simply a uniform labeling system for manufacturers and do not mean the item is accepted in all recycling programs. We accept items with enough market value to merit the cost of recycling.)</div></div>
METAL CANS (EMPTY)
Aluminum cans or clean aluminum foil Bimetal cans (cat food cans) Metal food cans and lids Tin cans Steel cans
GLASS BOTTLES & JARS (EMPTY)
Beverage bottles (any color) Canning jars Jam or peanut butter jars Olive oil and vinegar bottles Soup jars Spaghetti jars Wine bottles (no corks/wrappers)

NOT ACCEPTED
PAPER
<i>Any paper that has touched food or any of the following items even if clean or unused:</i> Bathroom/kitchen tissues, paper towels/plates <b>Beverage or coffee cups (clean or dirty)</b> <b>Binders (e.g. 3- or 2-ring vinyl binder)</b> Binder clips (staples/ small paper clips OK) Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers Egg cartons (polystyrene foam type) Foil gift-wrap Food and candy wrappers, snack bags Frozen food boxes, Ice cream cartons Hardback books Milk, soy, juice cartons and bags Paper covered with paint or pet waste <b>Pizza boxes (clean or dirty)</b> Photographs or any plastic-coated paper <b>Vinyl or 3- or 2-ring style binders</b> “Waxed” (dark brown) cardboard
PLASTIC BOTTLES & TUBS
<i>Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7 or containers larger than 2 gallons.</i> <i>Any of the following items-even if marked #1-7:</i> Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps Buckets, laundry baskets, plant pots, crates, pails Clamshells (top is hinged to bottom) deli, fast food Computer disks or “jewel” boxes (AOL disks) Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” Garden hoses, swimming pools, or any toys Medical waste, saline bags, needles and syringes Photographs, negatives, microfiche, “overheads” <b>Plastic bags of any kind (even if marked #1-#7)</b> Plastic lids, caps or any type of drinking straw Plastic (clear) drinking glasses/cups Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks Toothpaste and ointment tubes Vinyl binders, 3 ring binders, spiral notebooks
METAL CANS
Aerosol or paint cans, propane tanks (empty or full) <b>Construction debris, nails, pipes or car parts</b> Pots and pans, toasters or irons, appliances
GLASS BOTTLES & JARS
Ceramic coffee cups or dishes Drinking glasses, eyeglasses and thermometers Fluorescent tubes or any light bulbs Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass

Mixed Recycling Dumpster  
for Businesses



Split-Cart Recycling  
for Homes



Group Carts  
for Apartments

